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THE WEATHER REPORT

Estimates are that as many as 50,000 patients needlessly starve to death in hospitals because doctors simply don't recognize the symptoms when they see them. University of Texas professor Stanley Dudrick says 30% of hospital patients don't eat properly because cost-cutting measures have forced hospitals to pare back food portions and nursing staffs. And even when the problem is correctly identified, the government has thrown up another roadblock: Medicare does not identify malnutrition as a disease worthy of compensation.

The number of female mayors of large cities rose from seven in 1971 to 86 today. In the same period, the number of women serving in state legislatures has grown from under 400 to nearly a thousand. A dozen years ago, says the National Womens Political Caucus, 15 women served on Capitol Hill. Today there are 24.

The National Leader, the black weekly which has come upon hard financial times, is being reorganized as a monthly. The subscription price will be \$12 a year. As a weekly this was an extremely interesting publication. If you want to subscribe to the monthly you can write the Leader at 1422 Chestnut St #800, Philadelphia Pa. 19102

Senators Kennedy, Pell, Riegle, and Cranston have introduced legislation to improve health care financing. The bill would put limits on the rising costs for hospital bills, establish incentives for outpatient

treatment in cases where hospital care is wasteful, promote competition in health care and encourage states to design their own plans under broad federal guidelines. The bill has also been introduced in the House by Rep. Richard Gephardt.

According to Rep. Augustus Hawkins nine of the ten largest mergers in the history of our country have occurred during the Reagan administration.

After years of official denials, the British Ministry of Defense has finally admitted there are some objects in the English skies that it can't account for. That includes at least 16 UFOs sighted last year in Wales alone. It is referring the sightings to a special commission for further study.

The Reagan administration has dropped its plans, at least for this session of Congress, to institute lifelong censorship and expanded lie detector tests for government officials. The decision was announced in a letter to Rep. Pat Schroeder from presidential aide Robert McFarlane.

The first Indian-owned and operated daily newspaper in the 150 year history of the American Indian press began publishing in Window Rock, Arizona last month. The Navaho Times had previously been a weekly.

Seattle Times columnist Jean Goldden reports that the Democrats commissioned a detailed study of voting patterns from 1980 to 1982, and found that 60% of the Democratic vote during that time period came from women. By this November, women are expected to make up 53.8% of the nation's electorate. Meanwhile, the Democratic Party has begun a 40 state drive to register women voters before the July convention.

Couples who live together and then break-up may equally distribute property they acquired while living together, according to a decision of the Washington state supreme court. The unanimous decision was hailed by local gay rights activists as new legal recourse for same-sex couples who decided to separate.



Deep ecology is a philosophical approach to environmental ethics. It replaces human chauvinism with a perspective of our being part of nature rather than being over nature. John Seed explains the change in thinking: "'I am protecting the rainforest' develops to 'I am part of the rainforest protecting myself. I am that part of the rainforest recently emerged into thinking.'" -- SYNTHESIS

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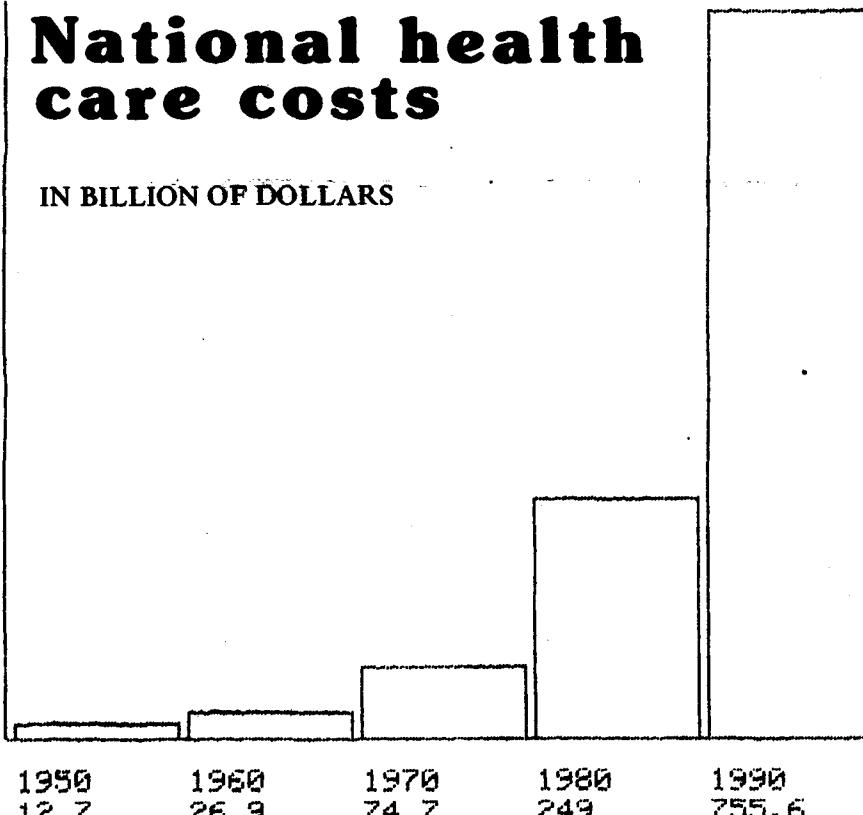


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IN BILLION OF DOLLARS



The battle over the MX missile comes before the House this month as that body takes up the Defense authorization bill. The Reagan administration wants \$3.2 billion to produce 40 more missiles. Last year Congress approved 21 missiles at a cost of \$2.5 billion. Opponents of this year's authorization also want Congress to rescind last year's approval. The House approved the legislation last year by a 53 vote margin but support for the project has been fading.

According to USA Today, as many as a quarter of the country's 1300 death row inmates have no lawyer. Says Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, "it would be as if the medical profession did not staff the emergency room."

Equality of the sexes doesn't last long in the executive suite. That's the conclusion of a ten year study of the earning power of business school graduates. The study tracked 90 male and female MBAs who graduated from Columbia University between 1969 and 1972. Though they all started off at the same salaries, a decade later the men were earning an average of \$9000 a year more. And even with their graduate degrees, all the married women in the study earned less than their husbands.

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Putting more cops on the street may make people feel safer, but it doesn't do anything to cut down on crime according to a ten year nationwide study of crime statistics. The researchers at New York University found that hiring additional police in no way lessens the average citizen's chance of becoming a victim of street crime, and that applies to suburbs as well as big cities.

Almost 1600 New Yorkers were bitten by people last year, a slight increase over the previous year. Dog bites, on the other hand, are down by two-thirds from ten years ago.

ECONOMIC EQUITY: Several bills are pending in the House that relate to the growing movement for economic equity between men and women. Among them are:

HR2099 which would allow homemakers to open an IRA account and permits alimony to be counted as compensation for the purposes of IRAs.

HR4280 offers a variety of reforms for private pension programs. HR2300 provides similar reforms for civil service pensions.

HR2127 provides a tax credit to employers who hire displaced homemakers -- amounting to \$3000 in the first year and \$1500 in the second.

HR2126 gives single heads of households a zero bracket amount on the income tax charts equal to that allowed on a joint return.

HR2242 would establish a child care information and referral system through the provision of seed money to community organizations.

BIG MERGER MORATORIUM: Rep. Silvio Conte has introduced legislation that would impose a 9 month moratorium on mergers involving the 50 largest oil companies.

There are now 42 more car dealerships in this country than there were a year ago, which doesn't sound like much until you realize that this is the first time in 30 years that the number of dealerships has actually increased. There are still only about half as many as in 1955.

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US vs. the UN

Most United Nations members voted against the United States five times more frequently than they voted for it according to a study compiled by the United States Mission. Here is the percentage of times various countries and regions voted with the US:

Israel	93.3%
Britain	84.2%
West Europe	53.8%
Latin America	26.8%
Asia and Pacific	21.5%
Africa	18.6%

The report does not consider votes on which there was a consensus.

The brightening economy may be sending lots of workers back to their jobs but will they be as efficient as when they were laid off? A British study indicates prolonged unemployment may permanently impair mental ability. In a poll of jobless workers, one in four reported they'd become less able to handle tasks requiring concentration, quick thinking and decision-making. The problems were most severe among older workers who were more likely to have family responsibilities. And, reports the *New Scientist*, the longer that the unemployment lasted, the greater the damage.

Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger refused to suspend restrictions on the home employment of four women who do at-home knitting for the outerwear industry. The Supreme Court may still accept the women's formal appeal for a full review of the homework issue.

RAISE OLD AGE?: Stanford economist Victor Fuchs says that, since today's 72-year-old has the same life expectancy as a 65-year-old in 1935, why not raise the retirement age? Otherwise, he says, Medicare and Social Security costs could bankrupt the country.

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THE PRIVATE SECTOR GET STINGY: Despite all of Ronald Reagan's talk about how private charity can replace government programs, the IRS reports that large contributions by the super-rich dropped 30 percent last year. The IRS figures, which covered donations of at least a half-million dollars, showed colleges and non-religious groups were the hardest hit. Religious organizations were better off because they depend more on small gifts.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS SURVIVE: The sixties may be gone, but alternative schools are still with us and thriving. A national survey by the Project on Alternatives in Education at Hofstra University found more than 10,000 alternatives schools in operation today, up from only a hundred in 1970. They come in many different styles, from back-to-basics to artsy-craftsy, but they share several common characteristics: classes are smaller, parents are more involved and teachers have more say in establishing policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS GET POLITICAL: Environmental groups are planning to spend twice as much this year in political campaigns than ever

SANE needs volunteers to help on a nationwide anti-MX telephone campaign. Congress will be voting this month on funding for the production of MX missiles. We will be notifying several thousand people of this vote by telephone. Call SANE at 546-7100 for more information.

before. Further, the groups are planning to put thousands of volunteers to work in campaigns for specific candidates and to send delegates to the Republican and Democratic conventions. The plans were announced by the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club.

The Supreme Court has ruled that public interest lawyers are entitled to the same fees as private lawyers in suits against the government. The decision came in a case involving the Legal Aid Society of New York. The Reagan administration entered the case as a friend of the court against the public interest law groups. The decision is a major victory for groups and individuals involved in public advocacy.

BLACK CAUCUS BUDGET REJECTED: It didn't get much attention in all the coverage about reducing the deficit, but perhaps the best specific proposal was rejected last month by the Democratic-majority House. For the fourth year in a row, the Congressional Black Caucus offered the House a progressive alternative to the White House budget and once again it was defeated by a large margin. The CBC budget would have provided a \$42 billion increase in non-defense spending in 1985, increased receipts from corporate income taxes by \$82 billion and from excise and other taxes by \$14 billion over the next three years, reduced the military budget by \$78 billion and -- overall -- reduced the federal deficit by \$323 billion over the next three years.

The House rejected the measure by a margin of 333 to 76.

CITIZEN PARTY TO NOMINATE: The Citizens Party will meet June 1-3 in St. Paul Minn. to select a candidate for president.

Freedom Summer

A massive student recruitment drive for a voter registration campaign this summer is now underway. The campaign, 'Freedom Summer '84,' hopes to recruit 5000 student volunteers who will register voters at public assistance offices, "cheese lines," health clinics and other social service agencies in 60 cities. The ten-week project, June 1 through August 11, is sponsored by the US Students Association, the National Student Educational Fund and the Service Employees Registration Voter Education Fund. The drive takes place on the 20th anniversary of the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964, which drew many students to the deep south. They played a major role in mobilizing and registering many disenfranchised blacks, helping to gain passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Freedom Summer '84 will involve a broader spectrum of students, including statewide student associations, student governments, and fraternities and sororities. They will be supervised by leading voter registration organizations. Many students will receive course credit, while more than 40 social work departments are placing students as part of field work programs. For more information on volunteer registration, contact USSA-NSEF 202-775-8943 or 202-785-1856 or SERVE at 212-280:4053.

KISSINGER RUNS INTO PROTESTS: Henry Kissinger's recent visits to two campuses have brought back some of the same kinds of confrontations his policies in Vietnam and Chile provoked a decade ago. In March, 53 protesters were arrested during a demonstration against Kissinger's appearance at a University of Texas forum on Central America. Only three days earlier, Kissinger cancelled a similar speech on Central America at the University of South Florida, where activists had held protests and teach-ins after the announcement of his pending appearance.

ON THE TRACK OF THE NUCLEAR TRAIN: A group of women peace activists last month began a trek from Bangor, Washington, to Charleston, South Carolina. The women, who make up a group called On the Line, were following the railroad tracks used by the "Nuclear Train," which carries assembled nuclear warheads from a Texas plant to a Trident submarine base in Bangor and a naval weapons station in Charleston. The women expect to devote more than a year to the project. Along the way they will be holding community events and will be asking everyone who shows up to donate a piece of cloth. The women will use the material to make a quilt at the end of their walk. You can contact the walk by writing On the Line c/o 6160 Lynwood Center Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

ITALIAN CRUISE MISSILES BECOME OPERATIONAL: Italy's defense minister announced last month that the first US nuclear Cruise missiles in that country had become operational. NATO plans to base 112 missiles in Italy by 1988.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHANGE: The New York Police department has announced that it will stress arrests, rather than mediation, in domestic violence cases from now on. Police commissioner Benjamin Ward also said the new policy would provide increased protection to lesbians and gays suffering domestic violence and to parents who are increasingly being battered by their teenage children.

VDT LEGISLATION: A committee of the California legislature has approved



The Reagan Years

	1977-80	1981-83	CHANGE
Real GNP	+3.2%	+1.3%	-59%
Industrial Production	+3.0%	+0.1%	-97%
Rate of Capacity Utilization	83.4%	75.9%	- 9%
Plant & Equipment Expenditures	+14.6%	.8%	-95%
Housing Starts	1.76mil	1.28mil	-27%
Domestic Auto Sales	8.48mil	6.25mil	-26%
Business failures	8461	24491	+189%
Civilian unemployment	6.5%	9.0%	+ 38%
Number of persons unemployed	6.74mil	9.89mil	+ 47%
Real disposable income	+1.9%	+1.3%	- 32%
Prime Rate	10.96%	14.84%	+35%
Federal Budget deficit	\$48.5bil	\$153.0bil	+215%
Farm Income	+1.75%	-5.7%	-326%

(Source: Congressional Record, 3/26/84. Each figure is an overall or annual average in order to offset any difference which would arise due to the variance in the number of years of each administration.

a measure to regulate video display terminals. The proposal would allow pregnant employees to transfer to other jobs without loss of pay or seniority, and would provide for eye checks and rest breaks for all VDT workers.

ARRESTING STEREOTYPES: A new study by the Los Angeles police department has knocked down the image of female cops being weak, unacceptable to the public and a burden on their male partners. In fact, the study of 68 women on the LA force found that the women were more likely than men to take on potentially dangerous activities; women ranked above men in all four rating areas of tactics, initiative, self-confidence and communications; and women officers received significantly more commendations from the public than did men. The study also questioned the myth that women's smaller size would hamper them in making arrests. The department found that height and physical fitness were crucial to successful arrests for only 4% of the officers.

TUITIONS OUTPACING INFLATION: Tuitions at many colleges next year promise to go up much faster than the inflation rate, according to College Press Service. Schools as diverse as Loyola of Maryland and the University of Missouri have announced price hikes for next year that are more than double the current annual inflation rate of 4.6%. A number of other schools have announced plans to raise their fees by 7.5%. The hikes, moreover, follow years of double-digit increases. For example, it costs 12% more to attend a four-year public college this year than it did last according to the College Board's annual college cost survey. Administrators blame federal and state budget cuts, the need to raise faculty salaries, and capital expenditures for the increases.

ABORTION RULING: The Maryland special court of appeals has issued an opinion that a husband may not legally prevent his wife from seeking and getting an abortion.

GAYS AND THE ROTC: A faculty committee at San Jose State University has concluded that the ROTC program at that school violates the university's affirmative action policy because it does not offer lesbians and gays equal rights to stipends and military commissions.

WOMEN ON THE HILL: Republican Representative Lynn Martin says women account for 81% of House staffers earning under \$20,000 a year while men make up 75% of those receiving more than \$40,000 annually.

Nuke Free Notes

From the excellent New Abolitionist (\$10 a year from 2521 Guilford Ave, Baltimore, Md. 21218) come these notes on the growing nuclear free movement.

- There are now over 1100 unilaterally declared nuclear free zones on the planet, representing several million people in fourteen countries. All of Latin America is nuclear free by treaty, as is the Antarctic, outer space and the international seabed. There are over 700,000 Americans living in 41 nuclear free zones.

- High-level officials from Greece and Turkey met in Athens in January to discuss a Balkans NFZ with nuclear policy experts from Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia. The NFZ issue is the only one that has ever brought these NATO and Warsaw Pact countries and non-aligned Yugoslavia together. According to the New York Times, Greece plans "to press for the establishment of a Nuclear Free Zone in the Baltic despite objections from its partners in the Atlantic Alliance."

- The Soviet Union reiterated its support for the establishment of NFZs in Europe at the 35-nation Stockholm Conference on Reducing Tensions in Europe.

- NFZ envelope labels (\$20/1000), buttons (20 cents each wholesale) and 5" vinyl stickers (30 cents each

wholesale) are available from Donnelly/Colt, PO Box 271, Mt. Vernon, NJ 07976.

BILL OF RIGHTS COULDN'T PASS: If the constitution and the bill of rights came up for a vote today, they'd go down in defeat. That's the conclusion of the largest survey ever made of American attitudes toward tolerance of other's rights. University of California political scientist Herbert McClosky says seven out of ten Americans want to restrict the current range of civil liberties set forth in the constitution. McClosky says his survey found the most tolerance among educated people who had more exposure to the media. The least tolerant were police officials.

SUB BASE LINKED TO BIRTH DEFECTS: The British government has decided to look into charges that radiation from a US submarine base in Western Scotland has caused birth defects. The base was set up at Holy Loch in 1961. Charges are now being made

that radiation from the base is linked to three cases of severe deformities among 47 infants born in the area.

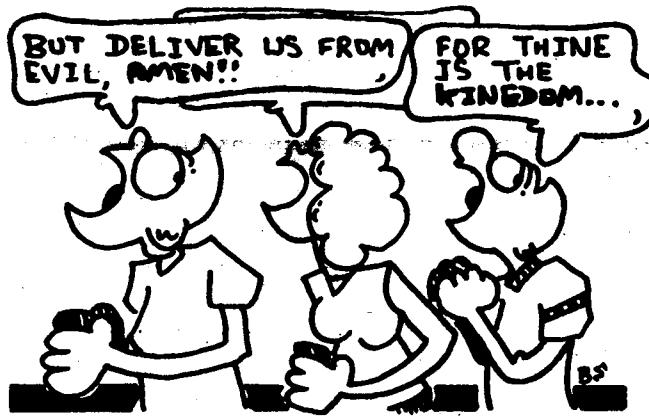
TENANT LAW: A US appeals court has ruled in a New Jersey case that laws which permit aged and disabled tenants to remain after condo conversion do not violate the Constitution.

CAMP FIRE JOINS PEACE MOVEMENT: Last fall Camp Fire Inc., with 500,000 members aged 5 to 21, adopted a peace education resolution. The group, formerly the Campfire Girls and which has units in 35,000 communities, passed a resolution encouraging councils to "promote the development of study groups on peacemaking [and] to make use of educational resources *** so that dialogues will develop in the community which will enhance the peacemaking skills of children, youth and adults in their homes, communities, nation and world." The organization is developing

approaches to teach children about conflict resolution. Tax-deductible contributions to aid the peace education may be sent to Camp Fire Inc., 4601 Madison Ave., Kansas City, Mo. 64112

GAY RIGHTS BILLS SET BACK: In recent weeks a human rights bill has been rejected by the New Orleans city council and California governor George Deukmejian vetoed a measure outlawing job discrimination against homosexuals.

Remember the great Oxford debate which Casper Weinberger won, taking the negative on the question: "Resolved: There is No Moral Difference Between the Foreign Policies of the US and the USSR?" Well, the Washington power groupies loved it, but what they didn't know, according to columnist Diana McClellan, was that previous debate was "Resolved: It is Better to Be Dead Than French." The affirmative won.



Deliver Us from Cold Hotdogs

I am old enough to remember prayers in public schools. We used to, in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade, have to line up double file in front of our classroom doors and recite a prayer before we could go home for lunch. This ritual always made me crazy. In the first place, I wanted to go to lunch. The prayer was not grace, and didn't count as grace. Grace was not said until the food was on your plate in front of you, and you said grace while the food got cold. Even if we'd said the same prayer at school that we said at the table, it did not count, and we still had to say it again while the hotdogs turned icy.

School prayers would also cause fights. It wasn't the real "Lord's Prayer" (according to the Protestants) if you said "trespasses" instead of "debts" and stopped it in the middle. It wasn't the real "Our Father" (according to the Catholics) if you said "debts" and added a bunch of stuff to the end. There was no discussion of differences and no toleration of diversity. The debate ran along the lines of "Is not, is too, is not, is too," and usually ended in a black eye or bruised knees. Fortunately there were no Jewish kids in my school to further confuse the issue.

I am sure that my grade school thought they were doing all of us a big favor. And since all the fights took place off school grounds, there was precious little they could do about the eventual outcomes of their enforced piety.

I do not remember anything about the praying itself except that it was a hassle which we all had to endure in order to go home for lunch. If we had been being especially bad, we would have to line up for the prayer early and stand there until we all behaved. I also remember getting into trouble if we all didn't bow our heads and close our eyes. It was a great opportunity to grab a girl's hair, because by bowing her head, she would actually pull it. You were just holding it.

I don't remember the prayers doing a whole lot for my moral growth. I did gain quite a reputation on the battlefield, but I don't think that's what they had in mind.

I don't think kids are very different today. I still think that prayers would cause fights, confusion, and could still be used as punishment. I bet little girls' hair would still be fair game.

-Deborah Wiatt
Bloomington Post Amerikan

THE NEED FOR MUSLIM RULE IN LEBANON

William O. Beeman

The U.S. government has been consistent on one point in its dealings with Lebanon -- it has continually stated that it is operating in defense of a free and undivided Lebanese state.

If Washington sincerely wants to see this come about, it should push as hard as possible to ensure that the Muslim majority in that troubled nation has a chance to forge a government in which they would predominate.

This has been the solution to the Lebanese situation since the civil wars of 1975-76, but it will likely be Washington's last choice.

It is slowly dawning on some officials that the status quo must change. Even in the face of a humiliating retreat from Beirut, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger insisted that the United States is prepared "to speed up support" for the Lebanese army "when the government of Lebanon is able to reconstitute itself in a broadly-based representative government."

The sticky part comes in determining the makeup of that broad-based government. Weinberger stops short of stating that Washington would be comfortable with a Lebanese government led by a Muslim rather than a member of the minority Maronite Christian community.

There are good and practical reasons for not wanting to give up on the Christians. They are tailor-made for U.S. Middle Eastern policy. And the United States and Israel view the Christians as somehow more "reliable," the Muslims more exotic and dangerous.

One U.S. diplomat ten years ago put it succinctly: "The Christians go to church on Sunday, just like us."

Israel sees the Christians as the only staunch opposition to the Palestinian movement on their northern border. The western powers see them as a bulwark against Communist infiltration. Thus Mr. Weinberger can perhaps be pardoned for hedging.

But mere wishing will not pull the Christians out of the present situation in good shape. No Christian-led government -- no matter how broadly-based -- can now succeed in Lebanon.

Mr. Gemayel could have established a multi-ethnic

coalition, but he so alienated Muslims and Druze that he quickly drew fire from all quarters. Added to this was the enmity between Gemayel's family and the family of Druze leader Walid Jumblatt who have been carrying on a blood feud for many decades.

Maronite rule does have some historical legitimacy, perhaps, but even that was determined by outsiders. When the French created the state of Lebanon after World War I from the old Ottoman Empire, they drew its boundaries so it would always have a slight majority of Christians -- and a healthy Muslim population.

Cynics claim France wanted the Muslims to remain as a threat, so Lebanon would always need the European protection. Then demographics and war changed the picture. The French pulled out after World War II and the Muslim's birthrate pulled far ahead of that of the Christian community. Now the nation is 30 percent Shi'a Muslim, 24 percent Sunni Muslim and only about 20 percent Maronite Christian. And the Christian population is now declining -- not through war casualties, but through emigration, as many decide there is simply no use going on.

As their numbers shrink, so do the chances of an able Christian leader appearing -- even if Maronite rule could be maintained.

Would a Muslim-dominated government really be so impossible to live with? One answer to that question must be another -- in relation to what?

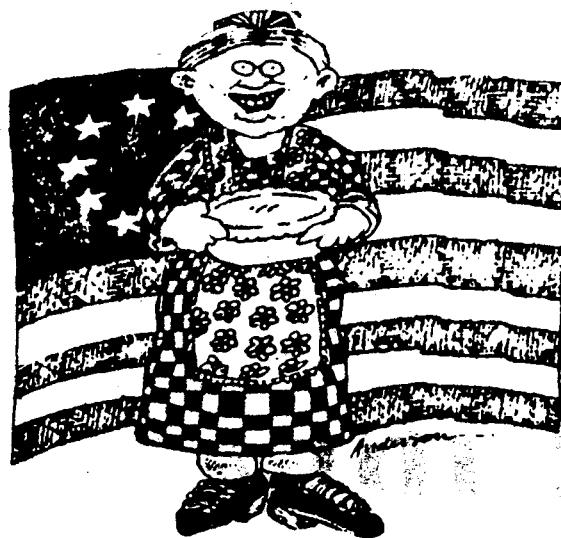
Certainly, few political courses would be anything but an improvement over the present death and chaos. A government which represented the population of Lebanon's many ethnic communities would certainly be more stable than one dominated by the third largest community. Muslim rule would drastically reduce human suffering.

Yet Christians fear a massacre -- and not without reason. They have suffered attacks before and have enemies waiting to take revenge for events such as the massacre in the camps at Sabra and Shatilla. However, this is just the situation for peace-keeping forces -- to protect citizens' lives in a time of transition.

There is little danger that a strong Muslim government would

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Apple Pie

What drives someone to run for president? Psychologist David Winter says you can tell just by analyzing campaign speeches. And he says Ronald Reagan and Gary Hart are motivated by the same things: power and the desire to achieve. The Wesleyan University professor says speeches by both men emphasize those themes, while neglecting words associated with love and friendship. Walter Mondale hardly ever uses words referring to achievement, friendship or power. Winter has counted these themes in the speeches of presidents as far back as James Madison. He claims three patterns emerge: power oriented presidents like John Kennedy may be charismatic, but they have a tendency to get the country into confrontations and wars. Achievement oriented presidents like Jimmy Carter get frustrated dealing with Congress. And friendship-oriented presidents like Richard Nixon become surly if they feel unloved or insecure.

Nuclear Times reports that the Defense Intelligence Agency was running up a bill of \$25,000 a month for calls from its offices to a NYC Dial-a-Porn number. But, according to an inspector general report, an electronic block has been installed to stop the practice.

The Village Voice says it knew Senator Gary Hart had become a major contender for the presidency when the network reporters covering his campaign underwent a sex change. During the New Hampshire primary, the Voice says, the three top networks assigned female scribes to follow Hart's progress. But after the primary, CBS sent a man to share the coverage and the other two networks replaced their female reporters with males.

Babies have been given a bum rap. It turns out they're not the selfish

little brats they've been made out to be. Researchers at the National Institute for Mental Health claim toddlers as young as 10 months show definite signs of altruistic behavior. One-year-olds have been observed comforting crying playmates by stroking and sharing toys. And tots just a bit older break up fights and apologize if they hurt each other's feelings. The researchers say parents can reinforce unselfish behavior by being empathetic themselves and by disciplining their children when they hurt others.

A study of Maryland high school pot smokers found they tend to stick with it, while adding new drugs to their repertoire. Heavy smokers were found to be more likely to become multiple drug users than were the occasional dabblers, but the scientists say the trouble doesn't begin with marijuana. The Franklin & Marshall College study found that most teenage junkies got their start in childhood with cigarettes and alcohol. And some were encouraged by parents who thought there were at least keeping the kids away from illegal drugs.

The New York Times reports that the Army has awarded 8612 medals to Americans involved in the invasion of Grenada although it never had more than 7000 officers and enlisted personnel on the island. Fifty of the awards went to people who got no closer to the fighting than the Pentagon.

If you suspect that TV commercials are louder than the programs, you're right. Madison Avenue denies it, claiming the "peak" noise levels are the same for both. But according to the Wall Street Journal that tells only half the story. What they don't say is that commercials stay at that peak all the way through, while regular shows hit the peak only once or twice. Advertising executives

admit the result can be irritating but they claim it's necessary. Says one: "It's like a salesman putting his foot in the door. You may not like it, but unless the guy gets in, he hasn't got a chance."

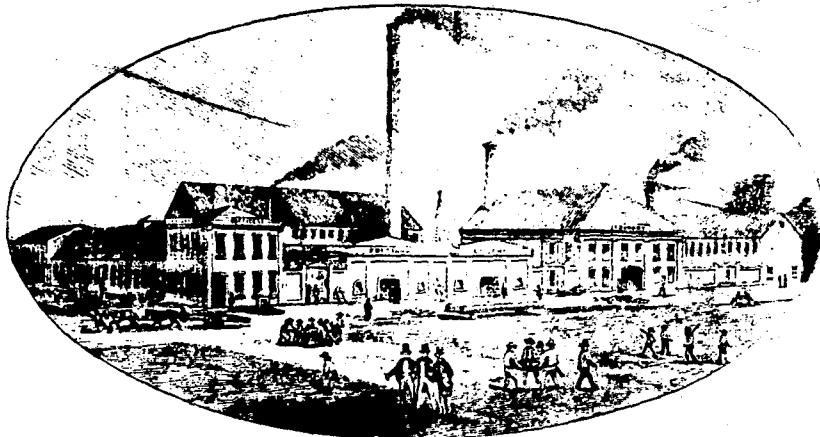
What do you say to those candy-munching, soda-swilling teenagers of yours? Nothing. That's the advice of pediatrician William Weil, who thinks the national obsession with nutrition is turning our kids into well-fed neurotics. Weil claims the average kid is in such good shape naturally, a little extra sugar and salt won't hurt. But he says children can be harmed by well-meaning parents who fill their heads with guilt about junk food. Weil warns that's a sure path to eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia.

The TV dinner was 30 years old in February. The Swanson family of Omaha, Nebraska, is credited with packing the first frozen dinner in 1954. It came in a box that looked like a tiny TV screen, complete with little knobs. The first repast consisted of turkey, gravy, cornbread, peas and sweet potatoes.

Austria has a whopping 34,000 skiing accidents a year and doctors blame 40% of them on excessive drinking. The most common problem: falling asleep on the slopes. And on weekends and holidays the situation's even worse: 98% of male skiers take a drink before their first run.

Walter Mondale's contention that not all new ideas are good ideas has been confirmed by his own party. Officials thought they could cash in on peddling rights to the Democratic donkey logo -- a la Olympic merchandising, prior to the Democratic convention. But so far the idea is just drawing yawns from corporations.

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THE IDEA MILL

Community Conciliation Systems

Ray Shonholtz

The vast majority of felonious assaults and homicides are committed by people who have a prior relationship to their victim. These crimes often have "petty" conflicts as their origin which are long-standing, and known to friends, family or neighbors long before the violence occurs. For those matters the justice system deems too insignificant to process, the disputants, families, and neighborhoods are forced to tolerate the situation. Only when there is violence will the justice system take an active interest.

American justice is often a "Johnny-come-lately," after-the-fact, system. It is a system that compels people to endure conflict to the breaking point. This approach to justice undermines a community's ability to successfully respond to its everyday conflicts.

New conflict resolution mechanisms are urgently needed in all communities to manage the broad range of individual and community conflicts that endanger residents and impair community cohesion. This need is most critically felt in highly heterogeneous communities which are frequently subject to a deeper level of misunderstanding or lack of commonly accepted norms of behavior, and thus more conflict.

Community Boards

In 1977, an experiment was initiated in San Francisco called Community Boards. The purpose: to train community residents to handle a broad range of individual and community conflicts voluntarily referred to them by disputants or community/church organizations.

The approach has been to build a new justice system at the community level managed with minimal staff coordination by trained residents. Volunteers, or community members, actively encourage the peaceful expression and resolution of conflicts in their own neighborhoods. Community Boards, and programs mod-

eled after it in the United States, is a separate neighborhood justice system and is not a diversionary process for the courts or the police.

Residents in conflict, or those aware of others with disputes, are encouraged to call a trained community volunteer who will meet the disputants, do case work and arrange for a community panel hearing. The panelists, trained in communication and conciliation skills, assist disputants in expressing the nature of the conflict and what they seek from it. The disputing parties are brought through a process that allows them to reach their own agreement on the resolution of their conflict. Community Board panels do not have, nor do they seek, state power or authority. They are voluntary conciliation forums in the community.

In San Francisco, Community Boards are now in 21 highly diverse neighborhoods and serve nearly 210,000 residents. The neighborhood forums recruit and train local residents in case development, outreach/education, panel hearing work, and training roles and functions. Each neighborhood forum also has a group of residents who have gone further. They have been trained in evaluation, planning, administrative, and higher levels of training skills. The goal is to establish reasonably self-reliant neighborhood justice forums that reflect the demographic make-up of the community served.

Neighborhood Justice

Community conciliation systems not only serve to resolve an impressive array of conflicts (Community Boards from one-third of the City held as many hearings as the San Francisco municipal court held jury trials for the entire court for all of 1983), but are excellent skill-building and community-building endeavors. In building a new justice system at the community level, a whole range of new service work becomes available to residents that is often relegated to professional or agency trained people.

By expanding the capacity of communities to meet their own justice and conflict

needs, the constant intrusion of legal norms is resisted and the self-governance of a neighborhood begins to emerge. With this new capacity, communities can confront conflicts early, before they become casualties and statistics for formal justice and police systems. This social justice work enables residents to appreciate their area as a community with norms they are helping to develop and express.

The Community Board Program's national component, the Community Board Center for Policy and Training, is working in several cities and with Native American Indian tribes to explore new approaches to the expression and resolution of conflicts outside the traditional justice system. The Center is also experimenting in training fourth and fifth graders in four inner-city elementary schools as conflict managers. This highly successful initiative encourages peer resolution of conflict without adult intervention.

Moratorium Perspective

There is value to approaching a moratorium on jails and prisons from as many effective and innovative avenues as possible. Building new systems within our communities to reduce tension and prevent violence, especially between related persons, is a new dimension to the social issues raised by opponents of prison construction. By establishing a way for former lovers, business partners, and roommates to minimize their violence there will be an impact over time on the majority of homicides and felonious assaults between people who know one another. By building at the community level a deeper appreciation for the dimensions of conflict, there is an opportunity to raise fundamental questions about the need for more prisons and the purpose they serve.

In many respects, community conciliation systems seek a moratorium on violent conflict—understanding that residents and communities have a responsibility to build a "before-the-fact" justice system in the neighborhoods, and not contribute to an after-the-fact warehousing system. --JERICHO

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CHARLES McDOWELL

A lawn for the '80s

ALEXANDRIA — My neighbor, Mr. Bumbleton, walked into the yard while I was raking the thatch out of the grass.

"Your lawn is not what it should be in the decade of the eighties," Mr. Bumbleton said.

"It's not great," I said, "but it ought to get better after I rake this dead stuff out of it and give it some fertilizer and a light overseeding."

"The policies of the past," he said.

"Huh?" I said. "I merely observed that once again you are relying on the failed lawn policies of the past. What you need are policies that are bold, innovative and worthy of the future."

"So what should I be doing, Mr. Bumbleton?"

"You should be recognizing that the old policies and the old arrangements aren't working in the eighties. They didn't even work very well in the seventies, as I remember this lawn. The time has come to move ahead with this lawn."

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"What exactly are you saying, anyway?"

"That you can't afford to stand still on your lawn."

"Well, I have to stand fairly still to rake it. Are you saying I shouldn't rake it?"

"I'm saying you shouldn't rake it just because you've always raked it. Actually, modern thinking holds that both raking and fertilizing at this sea-

son interfere with growth. You can't stand still and you can't go back."

"I will not dishonor raking and fertilizing just because they are old. But how about fertilizing — should I or shouldn't I?"

"There you go again," Mr. Bumbleton said, "with the old linear questions, the options of the past in the context of the past. If you cling to the old ways when new boldness is called for, you are going to be standing in a barren gulch in the decade of the nineties."

"I'm still not sure I know exactly what you're advocating," I said.

"First you have to ask yourself whether these things you're doing aren't just more failed policies of the past. Are you going to continue catering to the old constituency over at the hardware store, or are you going forward with a new agenda for the future?"

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I did not try to answer for a moment. Slowly, very slowly, it had dawned on me that Mr. Bumbleton was playing the Gary Hart of lawn policy. I was not at all sure that I was comfortable being the Walter Mondale. But I tried the only thing I could think of.

"You know, your lawn is a mess, too," I said.

"My lawn looks to the future. It will come into its own after a period of transition," Mr. Bumbleton said.

"I told you not to run that crazy high-tech aerator over it last fall. That thing chopped your turf all to pieces, and now your grass is a disgrace to the neighborhood."

"Wait until the decade of the nineties and see if you can still say that. But our disagreement about technology isn't the point. The important point is that you did NOT warn me against the aerator. In fact, you encouraged me."

"I did not."

"You did."

"I absolutely did not."

"You did so, and you know you did."

"Did not."

"Did so."

"Your yard ought to be condemned by the county as public scandal."

"Then keep your dumb dog on your own ratty plot of ground."

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I was getting ready to say something really unfriendly, but Mr. Bumbleton grinned and said, "See how fast a high-level discussion of future and past turned into a really mean personal argument?"

"At least it brought the issue of the dog into focus," I said.

"Well, a lot of very sensitive matters are bound to arise when the past and future are hotly and frankly debated," Mr. Bumbleton said, "But surely reasonable men can forgive and forget when the time comes to pick a vice president."

Reasonable men also could agree that it was time to go inside and watch the basketball game on television.

Richmond Times Dispatch

EUGENE McCARTHY

Cookie Crumbs

I am beginning to have serious doubts about the general good accomplished through Girl Scout cookie sales.

My doubts are in no way related to the good things that are accomplished through the scout organization. It is the side effects, the collateral damage, as nuclear bomb experts would say, that have begun to worry me.

The cookie sales, I am informed, were initiated as a way of raising money for the Girl Scouts long ago, when cholesterol levels and overweight had not yet been identified as national problems.

WE MAY have a classical example of how things good in every respect when introduced, and even on through the years, have unforeseen, sometimes harmful, consequences in later years.

One can cite examples from the historical record, religious and religious orders, political organizations, even parties, reform groups of various kinds, which having accomplished the reform for which they were organized, go looking for new reform projects, and in their zeal either for reform or for continued existence, undertake to reform things that are better left alone.

Among current organizations Common Cause is possibly the best example of

goodness gone awry, demonstrating in its current operations, what Gilbert Chesterton said was the historical, recurring achievement of Puritans, namely "killing St. George, but keeping the dragon."

The corrupting force of the Girl Scout cookie sales is not one of substance, comparable in any way to that of the Puritans or of Common Cause. It is more procedural and accessory.

I have observed at least four such bad side effects. The first is a general anxiety in the community when the cookie sale is on. Possibly the anxiety is intensified because the cookie sales come just before the April income tax payment date, and the sellers make a point of telling cookie buyers that the amount of the payment is tax deductible. Anxiety and possibly guilt about income taxes are mildly stirred.

THEN AT the time of the purchase, there are troubling questions to be faced, especially disturbing in a presidential election year, when one is trying to sort out candidates. One must decide how many boxes of cookies one should buy, and then make the even more difficult choice among the varieties offered. Should one buy thin mints or medallions. The choice does not depend only on taste preferences. The text on the boxes varies. The medallion box, for example, encourages

the reader to take up river rafting, especially in rubber rafts. It also says a good word for raccoons, with no mention of the possibility that the coon is rabid.

The thin mints box is less controversial in its text. It encourages tree planting, informing the reader that among other things, pencils, baseball bats and toothpicks are made from wood.

Possibly more serious than the stress of decision that goes into the cookie buying, are the dietary consequences of cookie buying. I know persons who are on diets who break the rules, for Girl Scout cookies, because the purchase has been made for a higher purpose.

SOME AVOID temptation by giving boxes of cookies to friends and neighbors. The neighbors resent being given the gift, and some of them offer or give in return Girl Scout cookies of a variety different from those they have received, thus giving the lie to the statement on the cover of the cookie box which asserts that Girl Scout cookies are a "unique gift with great appeal," and that "everyone loves Girl Scout cookies." Some persons on being invited to dinner bring a box of cookies, either instead of a bottle of wine, or to supplement the wine.

Friendships are threatened and social relations endangered.

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CHUCK STONE

Pain & Shrugs

At one point in my contemplations of last month's ethnic pains, I visualized a bifurcated cartoon.

In both panels, the centerpiece is a fiery speaker, Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan.

As he eulogizes Hitler as "a very great man," a middle-aged Jewish listener recoils inanguished disbelief: "Oh, my God!"

In the other panel, Farrakhan denounces a "female-acting, sissified" Michael Jackson, causing an idolatrous black female teenager to weep: "Oh, my God!"

Between those two panels stretch two vastly different worlds nurtured in disparate sensibilities and lacerated by different pains.

But Farrakhan's rhetoric was an equal opportunity slasher, couched in mollifying caveats for both groups.

Hitler's greatness was "wicked, wickedly great... I'm not proud of Hitler's evils against the Jewish people."

Michael was praised as a "great and marvelous performer... a great singer, certainly, a powerful entertainer."

But the pacifications were ignored.

Words were taken out of context.

The manipulation enabled a New York Post race-baiting headline to scream, "Jackson Ally Praised Hitler."

The Delaware County Daily Times concentrated on the country's most popular entertainer with a front-page picture of Jackson and caption, "The Face of a Sissy?"

Its story omitted Farrakhan's remarks about Hitler.

Between the Post's race-conflict mission and the Daily Times's show business focus, the nation's press tried to walk a reportorially straight line.

A survey of some of the nation's top newspapers revealed wide differences in the reporting of Farrakhan's explosively divisive remarks during his Washington, D.C., press conference.

Of the papers surveyed, only two — the New York Post and the Washington Post — included "Hitler" in their headlines.

Boston Globe — Page 1, a two-column headline, "Muslim Leader Defends Remarks." The Hitler remark was reported in the first paragraph.

Camden Courier-Post — Page 10, a three-column picture of Farrakhan and a three-column head, "Muslim Leader Defends Threat Against Reporter." No mention of Hitler, but a reference to the Michael Jackson slur.

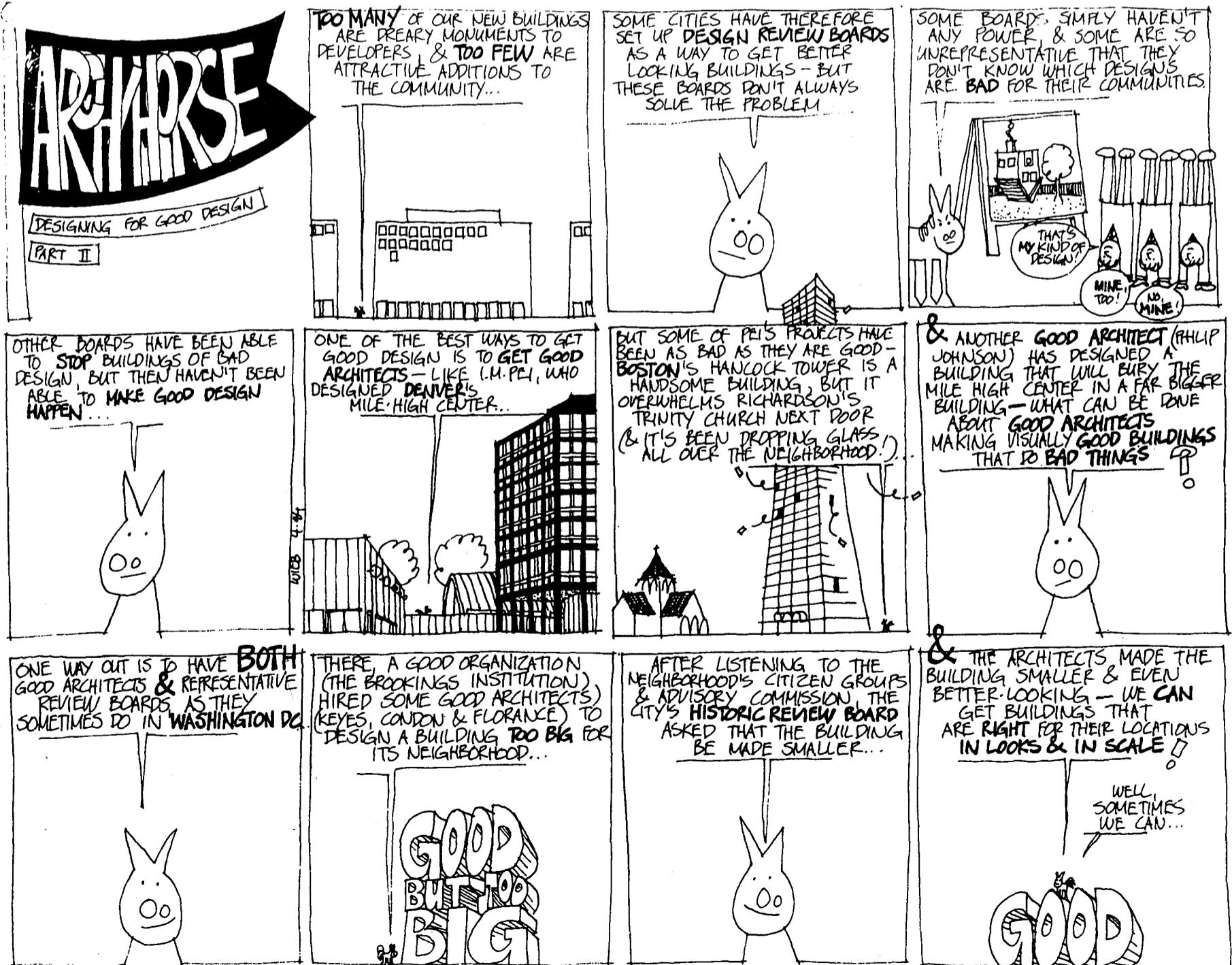
Chicago Tribune — Page 1, a one-column head, "Farrakhan Welcomes U.S. Probe." Explained a Tribune desk editor, "We had broken the story the day before on the possibility of a U.S. Justice Department probe. We only mentioned the Hitler stuff at the end of the story."

Detroit Free Press — Page 14, a two-column head, "Farrakhan Remark Leads to U.S. Probe." No report of the Hitler remark. "We didn't think it should be taken out of context," said an editor.

Los Angeles Times — Page 16, a four-column head, "Leader of Black Muslims Denies He Threatened Life of Reporter" and a one-column picture of Farrakhan.

Miami Herald — Page 1, a two-column head, "Muslim Leader Calls Black Writer Judas." In the story jump to Page 12, a reference to Hitler was reported in the 12th paragraph. A separate story reported Farrakhan's criticism of Michael Jackson.

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ARE RAPE FIGURES TOO LOW? The Rape Crisis Center thinks that police statistics concerning the frequency of rape are far too low. Center officials note that while the police reported 352 rapes in 1982, 1200 cases were reported to DC General Hospital while the center itself recorded 360 cases. Similar discrepancies have shown up in comparing suburban police figures with hospital reports and calls to rape hotlines.

WILL GWU HOSPITAL BE SOLD? Local health activists are deeply concerned about reports that the trustees of George Washington Hospital are considering sale of the facility to American Medical International, the second largest for-profit hospital chain in the US. Last year AMI had profits of \$101 million, up 29% from the previous year. The DC Consumer Health Care Coalition says that for-profit takeovers in other cities have raised a number of important issues, including reduced access for the elderly, minorities and the uninsured; higher costs; harassment of patients to pay bills and loss of physician and community control. If you are interested in getting involved in this issue you can reach the coalition at 626-0623.

GEMS FROM THE HOPPER: Our ever-diligent councilmembers continue to find areas in desperate need of legislative attention. Last month, John Ray introduced a bill that would prohibit the buying or selling of human body parts and Dave Clarke offered one requiring two-man teams whenever a worker enters a manhole.

BENCHMARKS: DC has toppled Nevada as the hardest-drinking jurisdiction in the country. Enough booze is sold here to provide each Washingtonian with a fifth of 100-proof whiskey a week. The city is also tops in wine-drinking, while Nevadans keep the lead in beer guzzling. • In 1972, DC ranked 26th among the states in property tax per capita. By 1982 we were up to 8th place says the Tax Foundation.

• The Census Bureau reports that DC has dropped from 16th to 17th

place among the largest American cities, losing another 5000 people between 1980 and 1982. DC now has an estimated 633,000 residents.

CIRCLE MUSEUMS FORM GROUP: The seven museums and cultural institutions in the Circle area have formed a Dupont

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Report Card

Here's our report card on the mayor and city council. Generally speaking, we give two points plus or minus for votes on key issues (three in special cases) and one point plus or minus for introducing legislation or taking a public stand on an issue. A councilmember who voted right half the time would receive a 0 score or a C grade. This month:

- Chair Dave Clarke and John Wilson get two points each for beating back the mayor's attempt to have the city council pass \$31 million in tax increases along with its approval of the new budget. Clarke and Wilson insisted, rightly, that the council have more time to review any tax increases. Barry loses two points on this one.

- Frank Smith gets a point for introducing a measure that would create a commission charged with bringing back baseball to the nation's capital. He gets ten points if the commission succeeds!

- All members of the city council, with the exception of Betty Ann Kane and Hilda Mason, lose two points for approving a measure that put further restrictions on the use of video game arcades by young people. This amounts to little more than mean meddling by a bunch of prematurely old fogies. Mason and Kane gain two points.

- Marion Barry loses three big ones for his plan to begin charging youth and adult sports leagues for use of Recreation Department fields and charging for swimming lessons and other facilities. Said Lawrence Thomas of the Metro Baseball League, "I can tell you right now that if these fees go into effect there will be no baseball at Banneker [Recreation Center] this summer." This is pure Reaganism at work at the local level and while there is little money involved, the precedent set is atrocious.

- Marion Barry picks up two points thanks to his administration's nomination of the 15th Street Financial District and the Downtown Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Some 200 historic buildings receive added protection as a result.

- John Ray picks up a belated point for introducing his legislation for reducing overcrowding in prisons which we never credited him with.

Here are the grades cumulative from the beginning of 1983:

GRADE	NAME	SCORE
A	KANE	14
A	MASON	13
B	WILSON	9
C	WINTER	-2
C	CLARKE	-2
C	SHACKLETON	-3
C	SMITH	-3
D	MOORE	-8
D	RAY	-8
D	SPAULDING	-11
D	CRAWFORD	-11
F	JARVIS	-15
F	BARRY	-17

As we were going to press, Dave Clarke called to complain that it was unfair to mark the majority of the council down for voting for the final version of the budget (Kane and Wilson voted no), because (a) we failed to take into account the council's work, in changing the budget priorities, (b) the final vote does not reflect key and often close votes on amendments and (c) voting against the budget in its final form tends to involve more symbolism than substance (actually, Clarke used stronger words than that but we think that's what he meant). In any case, there is enough merit in his argument for us to withdraw the budget vote (listed last month) as a key issue. The totals to the left reflect the change.

FREE PARKING

Here are some recent books and pamphlets on the arms race and other issues reviewed by RECON:

Arms Race and Arms Control: 1983, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 1983, 251 pages. The preface says, "This book is for the concerned citizen *** who wants to learn what is going on," and that's no lie. Such a bunch of charts, graphs, and statistics you never saw! Special emphasis is on nuclear arms, but SIPRI has not forgotten space war, chemical and biological war, or arms sales to the Third World. A chapter on the new peace movement traces our phenomenal growth since 1979. Send \$10 for a copy to Taylor & Francis, 114 E. 32nd St, NYC NY 10016.

Nuclear War and Montclair: Is There a Place to Hide? Montclair Nuclear War Education Committee, 1983, six pages. This pamphlet is inexpensive and very useful. Distributed for free throughout Montclair, New Jersey, it is oriented toward involving people in the peace movement. Written in a question-and-answer style that is clear and readable, it explains what you can do to help those already working for peace. A good idea that deserves a lot of imitation. For a sample copy, send a contribution to 159 Glendridge Ave., Montclair NJ 07042.

El Salvador: Background to the Crisis, Central America Information Office, 1982, 148 pages. While you will have to look elsewhere for an update on the fighting, CAMINO's book is an excellent counter to our government's campaign of lies. Interesting chapters cover the role of women, the Catholic Church, and repression of Indians. Not overlooked is the use of Honduras in widening a war based on US military aid. The novice will return to the maps, list of political organizations, and glossary of acronyms to make sense of newspaper reports and government pronouncements. Send \$6.95 to RECON, PO Box 14602, Philadelphia Pa 19134.

GeneWATCH, November-December 1983, Committee for Responsible Genetics, 14 pages. The premier issue of this vital, bimonthly newsletter is full of information about the use and abuse of genetic engineering. Don't

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Military Exports to South Africa: A Research Report on the Arms Embargo, by NARMIC, 1984, 23 pages. In violation of the United Nations embargo of arms to South Africa, Reagan has begun commercial sale of weapons and export of military technology to the apartheid state. NARMIC got the proof and the headlines with this newsworthy report. Send \$2.50 for a copy to 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia Pa. 19102.

A Working Woman's Guide to Her Job Rights, US Department of Labor, 1983, 54 pages. Punctuated with quotes from legal victories won by working women, this pamphlet provides a brief overview of women's rights prior to employment, on the job, and after retirement. While there is not enough detail to solve any problem, this is a good place to start. Request Leaflet #55 from the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington DC 20210.

World Military and Social Expenditures: 1983 by Ruth Leger Sivard, World Priorities, 1983, 46 pages. Completely updated, Sivard has added excellent chapters on weapons research and the new opportunity for disarmament agreements. Also an enlarged section on the human cost of arms spending shows how weapons kill even when not used. Send \$4.63 for a copy to World Policy Institute, 777 UN Plaza, New York NY 10017.

Special programs marking the centennial year of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth will highlight ADA's 37th annual convention. The convention will be held June 21-24 at the Hyatt Regency in Washington.

The National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation has announced publication of a new and extended edition of its acclaimed **The Prisoners' Self-Help Litigation Manual**. Among other subjects, the book includes chapters on legal research, drafting court papers, a comprehensive overview of the rights of prisoners, and a step-by-step outline on how to litigate a case in court. Copies may be obtained only from Oceana Publications, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 for \$12.50 (paper) or \$22.50 (hardback).

Burt Galaway, Joe Hudson and Steve Novack have prepared an excellent 395-item, 132-page annotated bibliography for the National Institute for Sentencing Alternatives covering the use of restorative sanctions for adult and juvenile offenders and the use of victim-offender contacts as part of restorative justice programs. **Restitution and Community Service: An Annotated Bibliography** is available from NISA, Ford Hall—Room 133, Brandeis Univ., Waltham, MA 02254; 617/893-4014 for \$9.95.

Punishment in the Scripture and Tradition of Judaism, Christianity and Islam by the Rev. Virginia Mackey is now available from the Joint Strategy and Action Committee, Inc., 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 560, New York, NY 10115 for \$2.50 plus postage and shipping.

--JERICHO

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THE NERVE GAS ISSUE

Rodney McElroy

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Last year, despite the efforts of a growing disarmament movement, Congress applauded every time the Pentagon pulled another weapon system from its bottomless bag of tricks -- every time that is, except one. For the second year in a row, Congress narrowly defeated a request to produce the new generation of deadly chemical weapons called "binary nerve gas."

This double refusal has not stopped President Reagan from asking for nerve gas funding again this year. If approved, the request would break a 15-year moratorium on the production of chemical weapons. Binary production would signal a major US policy shift with far reaching consequences. Chances for achieving an international ban on chemical weapons production would be greatly reduced, and world-wide proliferation of chemical weapons may result, including a dangerous new chemical arms race with the Soviet Union.

Binary nerve gas weapons release the same deadly chemical as the nerve gas munitions in the current US arsenal. The old weapons, however, contain pre-mixed nerve gas, while binaries consist of two chemical "precursors" in separate containers. The nerve gas is mixed

only after the weapon is on its way to the target.

The US has developed two kinds of nerve gas: Sarin, also called 'GB,' a volatile, nonpersistent gas which is lethal for up to 12 hours; and VX, a more potent and persistent liquid which can remain deadly for several weeks. The Pentagon is now developing a third nerve gas called as 'Intermediate Volatility Agent,' which will combine the volatility effects of GB with the persistence of VX.

The 1983 congressional debate over binaries was a real cliff-hanger. With the House consistently voting against production of binary nerve gas and the Senate holding two tie votes, the conference committee eliminated binary weapons from the budget for the second year in a row. Binary weapons were the only major weapons scratched from the whopping \$250 billion budget for this year.

There were three reasons for this victory. First, the US already possesses an adequate chemical supply for deterrence or retaliation in kind. Second, technical problems with the Bigeye binary bomb were too serious. Third, the US should not, it was felt, relinquish the moral high ground it holds with respect to chemical warfare -- a moral superiority based on its moratorium since 1969 on the manufacture of lethal chemical weapons.

It is ironic that a Congress which favors adding thousands of new and destabilizing nuclear weapons to the arsenal can reject new chemical weapons on, in part, moral grounds. Considering the US nuclear weapons policy, its aggressive interventionist foreign policy, and its massive use of chemical weapons in the War with Vietnam, it is difficult to imagine any moral

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Mario Cuomo

Mario Cuomo in an interview with James Reston of the New York Times:

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The best political argument is the argument that is morally authentic and right by whatever standards, and that can be sold as a matter of self-interest. People can relate to the morality and see it coincidental to their own best interests. They don't have to pay too heavy a price for doing the right thing.

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In 1974 I wrote a speech for the New Democratic Coalition in New York City: I said in effect that you're the people, you superliberals, who are damaging the Democratic philosophy because you're

trying to sell it as a series of moral propositions. You're very unctious about it. You're very condemnatory about it. By your rhetoric and the way you say things, anyone who disagrees with you is sinning. You're arrogant and elitist. And what you're doing is driving the middle class to the right, and when the rich and the middle class join together, with the hammer they forge out of that coalition, they're going to batter the poor to death.

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Why don't we call [liberalism] progressive? It means looking to move and improve. It means family and pragmatism. And it frees me of all the stereotypes.

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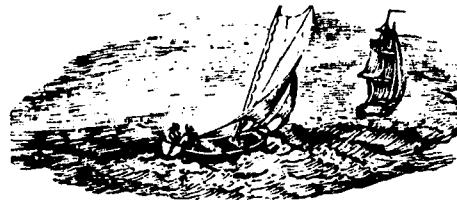
I think [the Democrats] are concentrating on winning. The feeling is, first we have to get power. I don't see it that way. You should start with the ideas, then try to get people to follow you. Winning power, then emerging with ideas doesn't work because you will disillusion people's expectations or shock them when you get there.

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[Mondale] has to show strength. He has to show he'll pay the price. He has to show at sometime that he believes in somethings so deeply, he doesn't give a good goddamn whether you vote for him or not.

TOPICS

Sam Smith



As I write this, some days before my local primary, I still haven't made up my mind for whom to vote. I am hoping that, like the woman in a recent Washington, I will find a meaningful nuance before the polls close.

The way I figure it, Walter Mondale would probably make the best president but, at the rate he's going, may never get a chance to prove it. Gary Hart, who has gone up in my estimation ever since I discovered he lied in order to prove that he was my age and who apparently has more appeal to the terribly important independent voters than does Mondale, still seems to take a mechanistic approach to government that is pseudo-efficient but, which in practice, has not proved particularly satisfying to the governed. He is, after all, not the first politician to suggest implicitly that government was basically a management problem; you may recall that Jimmy Carter was going to straighten everything out as well. The danger is that the analytical and efficient president (or governor or mayor) may overlook the fact that much of what government is about may be, at least over the short term, antithetical to efficiency. It is a matter of putting such things as equity and fairness ahead of order. Hart is clearly a bright and orderly fellow; whether he would be a kind and compassionate president as well remains in doubt.

Finally there is Jesse Jackson whose politics are closest to mine, but who disturbed me greatly by standing idly by as the wrath of Allah was called down upon the head of the estimable Milton Coleman.

Although Jackson may have been somewhat confused given the fact that this was probably the first time an evil spell has been used as a campaign tactic in American politics, his reaction seemed far too much on the wimpy side, especially for one casting himself as the pre-eminent moral leader of our times.

When you come right down to it, the real problem with Mondale and Hart is that none of us really need them. Neither has created the aura of indispensability about themselves that helps us overlook their weaknesses. Besides, I suspect most of us know people who are as intelligent, articulate and capable as

they. They are extremely ordinary politicians asking to go into combat against an extraordinary one. It is not a pleasing prospect.

It appears to be a vain wish that the convention might have a second chance and so, once again, the Democratic Party will proceed into the general campaign, in all likelihood, with a candidate that anyone with a modicum of objectivity would admit was not the best the party has to offer.

While there is not much to be done about this in 1984, the primary system seems to be causing the Democrats so much trouble that we must hope some serious rethinking will occur thereafter.

Perhaps the best way to approach it is to regard the primaries as a form of spring training. While a manager may begin training camp with certain predispositions towards certain players, he will not cling to those at the risk of the whole season. Last year's heavy hitter and box office favorite may be sent off, and a new face brought up from the farm club. He doesn't let nostalgia or irrelevant history stand in the way of assessing the future.

As presently constituted, the Democratic primaries tend to test the candidates for qualities that will not necessarily be the most important ones in the fall season. It is a little as if the Baltimore Orioles played lacrosse while they were in Florida and only scrimmaged their own teammates. The real Grapefruit

League games of spring politics are the polls rating the various Democratic candidates against the GOP options, but there seems to be little relationship between these polls and what goes on in the primaries. If there were, Hart would have many more delegates than he currently does and both candidates would be facing a challenge by a third and even a fourth alternative who -- one would hope, showed a better chance against Reagan.

There may be ways of changing the primary system so it is not quite so masochistic. For example, it could and should be made a lot easier for late entering candidates. In truth, we don't need a mass of primaries to judge a candidate's mettle. If the primaries were bunched together in such a way that each clump provided geographic and demographic variation we could even now be looking forward to, say, what a Mario Cuomo or Dale Bumpers could do for us.

A second improvement, strange as it sounds, would be a revival of favorite sons and daughters. The term "brokered convention" sounds fiercely undemocratic but I would take one over a second Reagan administration any day. Having a reasonable number of favorite sons and daughters withholding their votes until the full evidence of the primaries could be assessed would offer the chance to avoid the sort of unhappy choices we faced last time around and face again this year. A squeak-through Mondale nomination, for example, will be a lousy way to start a campaign.

This may seem oddly pragmatic on my part, but my feeling is that since no candidate representing my politics is likely to be nominated for some time, I find myself more willing to compromise on the choice than would be the case with many more emotionally involved with the mainstream candidates. I have bad-mouthed Gary Hart from time to time but I would gladly support him if he can prove that he can beat Reagan and Mondale can't. Besides, Mae West once said that, when choosing between two evils, she always picked the one she hadn't tried before.





Wagham

The candidacy of Jesse Jackson raises issues that are at least as interesting as those of the other two candidates combined. First, it appears that Jackson is uncertain as to whether he is running for president or for prophet. In fact, I think what upset some in the Jackson camp about the "Hymie" affair was not the potential that their candidate was anti-semitic but that he was mortal.

What has angered many blacks and brought a curse upon Milt Coleman's head was that the desperate desire for a true prophet was being challenged by a strong suggestion of human fallibility.

It was one thing for J Edgar Hoover to think Martin Luther King a communist, but this was not the FBI but a brother.

The desire for a prophet is certainly understandable, but one must pick prophets with care. Jesse Jackson has spoken of the need to separate the sinner from the sin. It may be just as important to separate the apostle from the epistle.

Jackson's message is undeniably important, valuable, and historically significant. It has provided an immense service to blacks, the Democratic Party and the nation.

But to leap from these obvious and gratifying facts to giving him immunity from the sort of normal critical examination any public figure faces is absurd.

I have been thinking recently of the sort of assessments of Jesse Jackson one heard from those who knew him before he ran for president. You wouldn't know it today, but he had a lot of critics, more particularly among blacks who knew him best. He was regarded by some as an excellent speaker but with little organizational follow-through. Some thought of him as something of a media hog and so forth. Some today could paraphrase what was once said of a white politician who became a leader of noble cause, "I knew Jesse before he became a virgin."

I say this not to disparage his present efforts, but to point to how quickly the current mythology of Jackson the person has sprung up. It has arisen, further, with a religious fervor and some of the concomitant excesses that occur when blind faith is mixed with un-

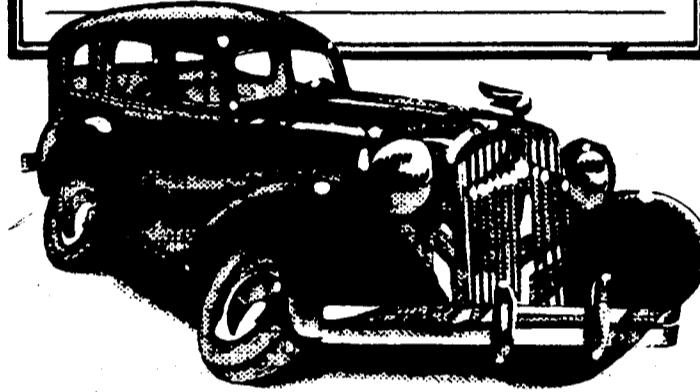
critical politics. It is into these boiling waters that Milt Coleman walked and heretically offered up a fact. Jackson, to his credit, dealt with it at least better than some of his supporters, but it was precisely the reaction of these supporters that started me wondering for the first time whether all was well in the Jackson campaign.

In the best of times, as we have recently noticed in the discussions over school prayer, religion and politics do not mix well. In the worst of times, say Iran, the results can be frightening. In the worst of times the victims can be live humans. In the best of times they may only be truth, logic and productive argument.

All politics involves a blend of rational argument and thought on the one hand and of emotion and instinctive faith on the other. But when the latter becomes so powerful as to consciously exclude and deride the former, storm warnings should be hoisted. It becomes a form of bully politics -- even if the motivations and policies are worthy.

The attempted intimidation of Coleman and other black reporters denigrates Jackson's efforts and his cause. It reflects, I fear, a weakness in the Jackson campaign. At some point, whether consciously or unconsciously, Jackson decided not to try to convert, but merely to arouse and mobilize what power there was in the black community. He still

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talks of a rainbow coalition but it has not come together under his leadership because his vision has been too secular and too limited.

I appreciate that what Jackson has done is more than we expect from most politicians in a lifetime and that it is somewhat unfair to complain that he has not done more. But not only did he raise our expectations that he would, but there are far more whites in this country than Jackson and his supporters like to admit who would gladly support a Jackson-type candidacy if it could just get over the old hang-up of suggesting implicitly or explicitly that "you hate us and we hate you." Imagine if John Kennedy had run for office stressing at every stop America's historic anti-Catholicism. He never would have made it. If Martin Luther King had not believed that the heart of white America could not have been changed he would not have marched.

Sadly, there are some black politicians who concede an immense potential for leadership because they have, in effect, written off the white vote. They choose to ignore Tom Bradley coming within 2 percentage points of being governor of California. They lump whites into one pot, forgetting swing white votes that were so important to candidates like Harold Washington and Wilson Goode. They, in sum, make themselves less than they could be.

It is eminently logical and right that at this moment in history moral and progressive leadership for the whole country should come from blacks and women. But they must speak to the whole country, rather than retreat to the comfort of racial or sexual politics.

Jackson had the opportunity, but as the Coleman affair showed, he chose to take a different path. I am willing to concede that history may show he did the right thing, that he laid the necessary foundation for a successful black candidacy far sooner than would otherwise have occurred. Still, I am disappointed.



According to Senate history buff Robert Byrd, the upper house is a bad place from which to run for president. Only two presidents have gone directly from the Senate to the White House in this century: Warren Harding and Jack Kennedy. Among those who fell by the wayside were such towers of the Senate as William Borah, Hiram Johnson, Robert La Follette and Oscar Underwood. The 19th century didn't look too kindly on senators either. Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Stephen Douglas, Charles Sumner, James Blaine and John Sherman all tried for the top spot and failed.



Here's the sort of news writing that warms the heart of Larry Speakes. It's from a Wall Street Journal article by Cathy Trost: "More homeowners were behind in their mortgage payments in the fourth quarter of 1983 than in the third quarter, but analysts said it was just a 'blip' in an otherwise strong economy." The story doesn't say whether any analysts were behind in their mortgage payments.

wasn't even born until Feb. 6, 1911. Gary Hart gets creamed for knocking a year off his age, but I bet you haven't even heard about Reagan's little fib unless you happened to catch it on the back pages of the New York Times. The fellow, as have been shown repeatedly, has an extraordinary disregard for facts that approaches the pathological and the media just winks at it and thinks it cute.



Every politician tells little white lies, presumably in the greater interest of the Republic, but has any president ever told so many of them with such impunity as the present incumbent? Just one recent example: Reagan's recollection of his childhood experience with prayers in the Illinois schools. The problem with this is that on June 29, 1910, the Supreme Court of Illinois issued an edict banning mandatory school prayer. Reagan

Now that prayer in school has been reduced to the level of a campaign issue rather than a constitutional amendment, you might have some spare time to give thought to the suggestion of Doug Williamson of Bloomington, Indiana, who proposed in a letter to the local paper that multiplication be taught in church. "Imagine," he wrote, "just one minute during each service, as the minister, priest or rabbi intones 'six times nine' and the congregation responds, 'Fifty-four!'"

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Physician organizations claim that low income elderly are paying very little out-of-pocket for physician services. Recent data indicate, however, that the low income elderly pay as much as middle and upper income elderly, and that such out-of-pocket costs are a much higher portion of their available income.

The average net income for all physicians nationwide increased by more than twice the inflation rate in 1982 to \$100,000.

Physicians derive nearly one-sixth of their annual income from Medicare.

Fewer than one in five physicians accept the rate set by Medicare for all of their Medicare patients.

The percentage of physician bills assigned has declined by 10% since 1968.

Only one-half of all physician charges to Medicare patients are accepted on assignment.

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MUSLIM cont'd

become a Soviet puppet. Even the most hard-line Washington defense analyst admits Syria is far from being dominated by Moscow. Some even admit that Syria would probably have no ties with the Soviets were it not for fierce U.S. support of Israeli actions.

Perhaps Washington's greatest fear comes from the spectre of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Shi'a Muslims are the most likely principal actors in any new Lebanese political order, and the most bent on religious reform and social transformation. A Shi'a dominated government in Lebanon could be the catalyst needed for the formation of a chain of Islamic republics from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean.

But, in a sense, the fate of Beirut outweighs all these considerations. For the Lebanese and all who loved the Lebanon of old, Beirut, jewel of the Mediterranean, could flourish again under peaceful Muslim rule.

Beirut has never been properly replaced as the banking capitol of the Middle East, the transfer point for money passing between Europe and the Islamic world.

The city could well regain that status. Islam, above all religious traditions, reveres and protects private property and business enterprise. The billions secured in Beirut's many financial institutions were reluctantly withdrawn during the civil conflict, but they will return under a stable Islamic government.

The most beautiful part of the city, West Beirut, was entirely Muslim under the Ottomans and then Europeanized by the French. It was the quality of being in two worlds that made Beirut special.

Under Muslim rule, it will probably not be the raucous, nightclub-filled resort it once was. It may become more like Algiers or Bahrein -- an important commercial center with discreet entertainment quarters. But even under the most sober of Islamic governments, Beirut at peace will be Lebanon's most stunning asset. Securing its tranquility is worth any political price.

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We got through the hard problems of the 1970s. We did get inflation down, with tremendous costs, but we got it down. We don't have to absorb another baby boom. We have a good outlook on energy. The outlook for a high-growth economy for the United States is very good unless we blow it. And it looks like we are about to blow it, by having opted for a very peculiar mix of fiscal and monetary policy. We have chosen somehow high deficits and high interest rates when we had the option of low deficits and low interest rates, which would be much better for the economy in the long run. -- Alice Rivlin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office.

We must do what we conceive to be the right thing, and not bother our heads or burden our souls with whether we are going to be successful. Because if we don't do the right thing, we'll be doing the wrong thing, and we will just be part of the disease, and not a part of the cure. -- EF SCHUMACHER

APPLE cont'd

Ainsley Huskisson of England has finally achieved his life-long ambition. After 20 years of trying, he's succeeded in writing the Lord's Prayer four times on the back of a postage stamp.

STONE cont'd

New York Daily News — Page 7, a three-column head, "Farrakhan Denies Threat" with a one-column picture of Farrakhan. In the 12-paragraph story, the Hitler remark was reported in a one-sentence 10th paragraph.

New York Times — Page B-12 at the bottom of the page, a three-column head, "Muslim Accuses Press of Twisting His Comments," with a three-column picture of Farrakhan and three of his bodyguards. Neither the Hitler nor Michael Jackson remarks were included in the story.

Philadelphia Daily News — Page 4, one-column head, "Farrakhan Defends Quotes." Of the 15 papers surveyed, the News' UPI story reported the most complete version of Farrakhan's remarks on Hitler (six paragraphs), but only two sentences on the Jackson remarks.

Philadelphia Inquirer — Page 16, three-column head, "Farrakhan Reaffirms His Criticism of Reporter" with a large two-column picture of Farrakhan. No references to Hitler or Michael Jackson were contained in the Inquirer reporter's story.

USA Today — Page 7 at the bottom of the page, three-column head, "Islam Leader Defends Threat" with three-column picture of Farrakhan flanked by three bodyguards. In the 10-paragraph story, Michael Jackson was mentioned in the last paragraph. Nothing about Hitler.

Wall Street Journal — The story was not reported.

Washington Post — Page 3, three-column head, "Second Farrakhan Controversy Caused by Calling Hitler 'Great'" with three-column picture of Farrakhan and bodyguards. Five of the Post's first six paragraphs dealt in detail with the Hitler references. No mention was made of Michael Jackson. Interestingly, the story's double byline included the name of the reporter who first reported the "hymie" and "lymietown" slurs.

What does all of this mean?

Three things:

1.) There is no orchestrated press conspiracy in the reporting of the Jesse Jackson-Farrakhan controversy. The papers don't even agree on the placement, contents or length of the story.

2.) Some newspapers are far more responsible and circumspect than others in their handling of an ominously fractious issue.

3.) It will take only one newspaper, the New York Post in the nation's largest city with the nation's largest Jewish population, to detonate an irreversible racial conflict.

In the meantime, Jesse Jackson's candidacy continues to inspire blacks and horrify Jews.

Eventually, the chasm between groups will be breached. History does not countenance permanent hatreds.

But for now, major political agendas differ. One group's pain is another's shrug.

Working through those differences to a loving symbiosis, if not a necessary alliance, is going to take a lot of patience and statesmanship on both sides.

Succeeding is what this democracy is all about.

Phila Daily News

The rising divorce rate is finally being recognized by the construction industry. A St. Louis firm has started building apartments designed for part-time parents. Each flat comes with a movable partition that can divide the living room into a spare bedroom whenever the kids visit for the weekend.

It doesn't matter what the crime rate is, it's how the media reports it. University of Minnesota psychologist Linda Heath says that's why people in Philadelphia are more scared of crime than people in San Francisco are. The only difference between the two cities, she says, is that Philadelphia newspapers play up local murders, while the San Francisco press plays up stories about farm families being butchered in Nebraska. She says accounts of lurid crimes in faraway places actually have a reassuring effect: people want to know where the grass is brown so to speak.

Mark Russell notes that Walter Mondale stole the "Where's the Beef?" line from Lane Kirkland. Says Russell: "So not only is Mondale getting his money from the AFL-CIO, he's getting his jokes there, too."

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ground for the US to stand on. Nevertheless, it is as heartening as it is unusual to hear any consideration at all of morality when Congress debates weapons of mass destruction.

This year, the Pentagon asked for \$105 million for binary production in Fiscal Year 1985. If approved, the total cost could reach \$15 billion. The reasons to refuse this request are many: the weapons are untested, unreliable, and unnecessary; their victims are almost entirely civilian; their deterrent value is uncertain; and their role in filling the firebreak between conventional and nuclear weapons will result in a more rapid escalation to nuclear war.

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-Kalorama Museum Consortium. As the Intowner notes, "because the Mall and the Smithsonian museums tend to be a magnet *** many of our smaller cultural institutions find it difficult to attract visitors, especially when these institutions are perceived to be off the beaten track or lack competitive publicity resources. The seven institutions are the Anderson House, Barney House, the Columbia Historical Society, Fondo del Sol Center, the Phillips Collection, Textile Museum and the Woodrow Wilson House. The consortium has received a \$7000 challenge grant from the Meyer Foundation to get its work underway.

MILTON COLEMAN UNDER GUARD: Didn't see this in the Post, but the Washington Times reported that Milton Coleman of the Post received police protection and the paper hired private bodyguards after death threats by a black Muslim leader.

GEORGETOWNS ON WHITEHURST RESTORATION: The Georgetown Citizens Association voted last month to support the restoration of the Whitehurst Freeway, including construction of new traffic ramps. Restoration is one of several options being considered by the city for dealing with the deterioration of one of DC's most eccentric landmarks. Others include replacing the present structure with another elevated roadway and replacing it with a street level six-lane roadway. Raymond Kukulski, vice chair of the Georgetown Neighborhood Commission favored the street-level solution saying that the waterfront "should not be roofed over."

The restoration of the Whitehurst Freeway, built in 1949, would cost about \$108 million. (See What's Happening for public hearing schedule on this matter.)

STREETS FOR PLANNERS: Two of the city's misbegotten downtown malls are due for a facelift: the F Street Plaza and the G Street Mall, creations of the grandiosely titled but unproductive federally funded "Streets for People" project some years back. Now city planners are trying to come up with schemes to revive the two malls.

• The DC Public Schools have started a voluntary fingerprinting program in order to help the police find missing children. To protect the civil rights of parents and children, only one set of prints will be made and custody of the prints will be given the parents.

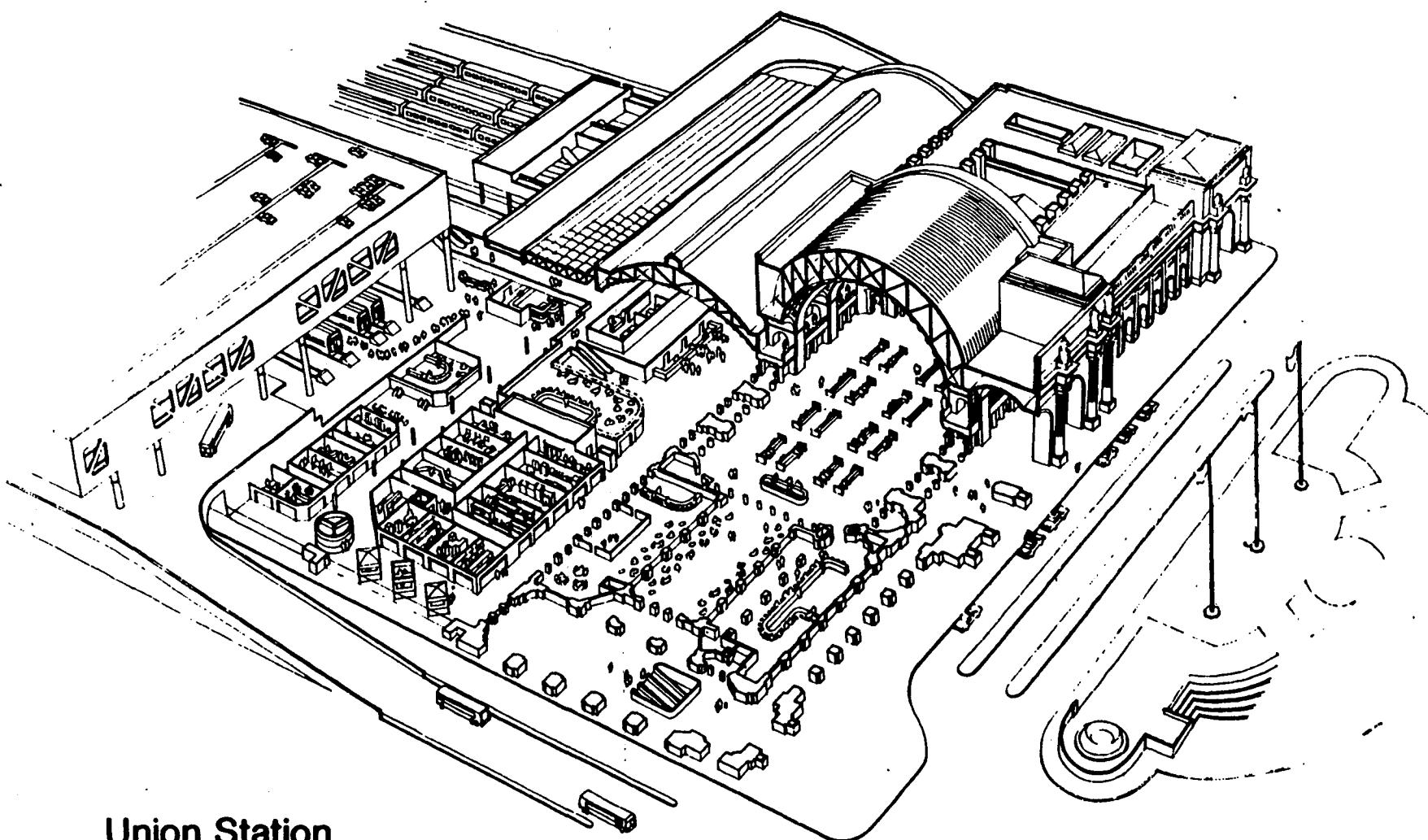
• Wanda Washburn sends along a collection of items about public school students in her ward who are breaking with the popular stereotype: Wilson students took a bunch of prizes in the Folger Shakespeare Contest including first for the best scene, best actor, best actress, best supporting actor and best performance in a short role.

Two Deal students also won prizes in the contest. At her writing the Wilson It's Academic team had reached the metropolitan quarter finals. Renta Razza, a sixth grade student at Hardy won first place in the citywide Women's History Week

essay contest. Hardy eighth grader Allison Lewis won a gold key in the Scholastic Art Awards Contest and has been sent to the national finals in NYC. And let us not forget Toto Oudomsouk, a Mann 6th grader, who won a home computer for her Mother's

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- NICARAGUA LIBRE: Photographic exhibit by Margaret Randal through May 11 at Institute for Policy Studies, 1901 Q St NW.
- FRIENDSHIP HOUSE MARKET DAY: 22nd edition of the granddaddy of local street festivals. Live music, merchants, crafts, food, rides, games. 10,000 people attended last year. Sunday May 6 noon-7 on 7th Street SE between Pennsylvania and North Carolina Avenue.
- ACCESSORY APARTMENTS: A HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR DC: Report by the Washington Planning & Housing Association. Accessory apartments are separate units installed in single family homes. Info: Debby Goldberg, 842-1800.
- CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1929: Is looking to locate members for a June 1 reunion. Anyone with information can call Robert Milne at 530-0874.
- LAFAYETTE SCHOOL FAIR: Rain or shine, May 12, 11am-3pm, Northhampton and Broad Branch NW. Among offerings are eight international cuisines.
- MARET SPRING FETE: May 19, noon to four. Your editor's Decoland Band will be playing. 3000 Cathedral Ave NW.
- COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECORDS: 51st edition is now out. Includes chapters on Murder Bay, the National Fair of 1879, afterhours in Georgetown in the 1890s, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and Mt. Zion Cemetery, M Street High School and the Lowdermilk company. Copies \$20 each from the Columbia Historical Society, 1307 New Hampshire NW, DC 20036.
- WHITEHURST FREEWAY HEARINGS: Hearings on the future of the Whitehurst Freeway will be held May 14, 15, and 16 at 7 pm in the auditorium of Francis Junior High School, 24th & N NW.
- THROUGH WOMEN'S EYES: FILMS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN: At the Pepco Auditorium, 1900 Penna Ave NW, 730 pm. Free. Films include:
 - May 11: "Right Out of History: The Making of Judy Chicago's 'Dinner Party';" and "The Girl With the Incredible Feeling: Elizabeth Swados." Also guest performance by Horizons, DC's all woman theatre company.
 - May 16: "Sisters or the Balance of Happiness," a study of the conflict between a career woman and her fragile younger sister; and a panel on women as filmmakers.
 - May 25: "Fundie: the Story of Ella Baker" and "American Women: Portraits of Courage" as well as a couple of shorts.
 - June 1: "Born in Flames," a film fantasy about women becoming armed fighters against the government.
 - June 3: 7 shorts by and about women.
- CITY OF MAGNIFICENT INTENTIONS: The new history of DC being used as a textbook in the public schools is available for \$18.95 plus \$4.05 postage and handling) from Associates for Renewal in Education, Edmonds School Building, 9th & D NE, DC 20002. This project was conceived by Kathryn Schneider Smith, who handled the project design and research coordination for the book. Ms. Smith was formerly associated with this journal and is still associated with its editor.
- PRE-ORGASMIC WOMENS GROUP: For women experiencing difficulty with sexual satisfaction. Call Brenda White, Preterm Center, 452-8400.
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help Salvadorans seeking refuge in the US: attorneys, translators, researchers, data processing specialists etc. Call the ACLU political asylum project at 543-4651.
- HOSPICE CARE OF DC is looking for volunteers to help with its various programs. A spring training program starts April 28. Info: 347-1700.
- UNIVERSAL AID FOR CHILDREN is a non-profit organization specializing in arranging adoptions of foreign-born children by American parents. For information on UAC call Bruce H Joffe, 361-4232.
- THE WASHINGTON AREA WATERFRONT ACTION GROUP has started publishing a quarterly publication which will address waterfront use and development issues. You can get Capital Waterfronts by joining the group or write for a free copy from WAWAG, PO Box 27004, DC 20038.
- MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS: First meeting of MADD's Washington chapter meets May 8th at 8 pm at St. Thomas Church.



Union Station

Pictured above is a sectional representation of what Union Station will look like when it's restored. Rehabilitation of the building began in late March. The first phase will include completion of a parking garage for 1300 cars and a ramp on the east side of the station for vehicle circulation and taxis. The second phase will involve creating retail and office space within the station. In the room at right will be restaurants, bars and fast food shops. Retail shops will be located in the room at left. The project should be completed in 1987.

Day card entry in a "Salute to Mothers" contest, co-sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken and Good Housekeeping Magazine.

LETTERS

If you really want to attract readers from outside the District, I suggest you drop your snide remarks about suburbanites as well as your opposition to Metro. Some of my best friends live in Silver Spring and Bethesda and those who have the Metro love it. They use it regularly to come into DC to spend money here, a practice which we should certainly encourage.

Then you have a curious attitude towards the cultural attributes of DC. Where else can you find museums and art galleries that are free? Where else can you go to free movies, such as the wonderful old films which are regularly shown at the East Gallery? Where else can students and senior citizens get half-price tickets for top-flight professional performances such as the Kennedy Center? Where else can hard-of-hearing people make use of the infra-red device free of charge?

There's plenty to criticize about DC and we are glad to do it. But while you may want to emphasize the negative, please don't neglect or belittle the positive.

C.O.

ROSES & THORNS

• ROSES TO THE ADAMS MORGAN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION for its annual report, one of the most thorough jobs we've seen from any ANC. The 20-page report covers the commission's activities, changes in the neighborhood, ANC finances, and a summary of the comprehensive plan.

• THORNS TO GIANT FOOD for scrapping tapes on abortion, homosexuality, masturbation and birth control from its medical hotline after pressure from Roman Catholic leaders here.

• ROSES TO THE SHAW AD HOC COALITION TO SAVE THE ANTHONY BOWEN YMCA and the YMCA for finally working out an agreement to reopen the old Bowen YMCA. The two groups will form a non-profit corporation to renovate the building and operate youth and community programs there.

• THORNS TO THE BARRY ADMINISTRATION and THE LOTTERY BOARD for their excessive consulting contracts with Sterling Tucker. Tucker got a \$45,000 contract from the DPW to work on ways to educate the public and local businesses about water conservation and waste water treatment. He also got a noncompetitive contract with the lottery board amounting to \$24,500 in addition to the \$2500 the board paid him in January to conduct a three-hour workshop in Annapolis.

• THORNS TO MARION BARRY AND FRIENDS for the dismal Bates Street affair and ROSES TO THE WASHINGTON POST for bringing it to the city's attention. Bates will probably be the most frequently mentioned street in the city in the next mayoral campaign.

• ROSES TO THE ART DECO SOCIETY AND DON'T TEAR IT DOWN for proposing landmark status for the Greyhound Terminal. This may be the first time preservationists have moved to save a structure that is not visible, since the old facade was covered up in 1976. The disappearance of the old front occurred without much public attention, but thanks to some fancy preservationist research it was discovered that the damage is actually slight and reversible. The old building was once described by a critic as a "brilliant solution of the city bus terminal" and was featured in the Architectural Record. This, incidentally, is the first joint application by the ADS and DTID.

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